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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WARRELL ET AL.

Examiner

Alton N. Pryor

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

I. Rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Yang will not be maintained.

II. Applicant's arguments filed 12/20/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. See argument below.

A. Rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Zhang or Chen will be maintained for reason on record and reason as follows.

Applicant argues that Examiner did not address all of the arguments. Examiner disagrees with Applicant. Examiner addressed major focus of which all Applicant's arguments are based, i.e., Examiner addressed the unpatentability of weight based dosing of arsenic trioxide which is the major focus of all of Applicant's arguments. Applicant's amendment to the claim 1 comprises determining the weight of a patient diagnosed with cancer and determining a therapeutically effective dosage amount of arsenic trioxide based on the weight of said patient. Amendment to claim 1 from which all other claims depend center around weight based dosing of ATO to cancer patients. Examiner does not believe that such an amendment to claim 1 makes claim 1 patentable for reason on record and reason as follows. Weight based dosing is not new and such dosing has been practiced with a number of drugs. In fact, Examiner maintains that Zhang and Chen suggest that ATO can be administered based on the weight of the cancer patient since both Zhang and Chen utilize the language "therapeutically effective amount" which suggests that different cancer patients can receive different amounts of ATO.

B. Double Patenting Rejection on record will be maintained for reason on record and reason as follows. Applicant argues that USPN '304 on record does not suggest the administration of ATO to a cancer patient based on the weight of the patient. Examiner maintains that USPN '304 suggests that ATO can be administered based on the weight of the cancer patient since the patent utilizes the language "therapeutically effective amount" which suggests that different cancer patients can receive different amounts of ATO.

C. Applicant discusses Soignet, Hussein, Au, Westervelt and Ellison's declaration to support weight base dosing of ATO. Examiner argues that weight base dosing of ATO was already suggested in the prior art. See A and B above.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

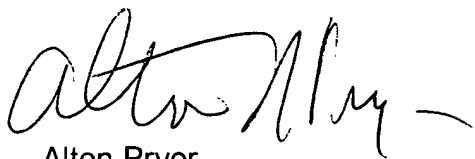
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Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Knuz can be reached on 571-272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alton Pryor', followed by a horizontal line.

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